GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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COVERAGE OF NEWS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have asked the State Government to provide with the list ofjournalists covering various news media and Journalists in the States all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the methods deviced by the Government to check and control the Spate of non- accredated journalist actually engaged in covering the news/reporting;

(d) the action taken against such journalists, State-wise; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) to (e) The Central Government places no restriction that coverage of news/reporting has to be by accredited journalists.